

**SEALED MINUTES
TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CLOSED SESSION MEETING – March 23, 2009**

Closed Session #2

Conestee Falls Project

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (5), to instruct staff or negotiating agents regarding the acquisition of real property. Present were Chairman Chappell, Commissioners Bullock, Hawkins, Hogsed and Phillips, County Manager Artie Wilson and Clerk to the Board Trisha McLeod.

The Manager had previously been given authority to negotiate the purchase price of the property in Conestee Falls up to \$250,000. The Manager recently offered the owner \$220,000. The owner agreed to the amount but for a smaller portion of the property. He would like to maintain a small portion of the property for himself. The owner's original offer was \$255,000, but the Manager said he believes the County should be able to purchase the property for much less.

At a purchase price of \$250,000, the County's out-of-pocket investment would be \$27,000. The County has already committed \$25,000. The Manager said he would prefer to purchase the entire parcel because otherwise it may distract from the park. The Manager asked the Board if he should continue negotiating with the owner or maintain the offer at \$220,000.

After discussion, Commissioners instructed the Manager to maintain the original offer of \$220,000 for the entire parcel.

Commissioner Bullock moved to reenter open session, seconded by Chairman Chappell and unanimously carried.

Jason R. Chappell, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Trisha M. Hogan
Clerk to the Board